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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from September 20, 2000 to December 20, 2000 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$890.00 for a three month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number STFD 009--1/RHO. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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